

Deer Trustee Report (DTR) Implementation Meeting

May 18th, 2013
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

UW-Stevens Point, Dreyfus University Center
1015 Reserve St., Stevens Point

Room Assignments:

Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Action Team Room 233
Herd Health/Chronic Wasting Disease Action Team Laird Rm - Center
Regulations & Season Structure Action Team Laird Rm - North
Science & Research Action Team Laird Rm - South

10:00 – 11:30 **Action Team Meetings** - The following recommendations from the DTR are scheduled for consideration, time permitting. Specific timing may vary.

- **DMAP**

- D. 4. We recommend implementation of a statewide DMAP program; and, nowhere is such a program needed more than in the DMZ.
- G. 1. Implement a Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP).

- **Herd Health/CWD**

- D. 2. There is a clear need for a new sampling protocol for CWD in Wisconsin, one that gives a true picture of the progress of the disease; but more importantly, one designed to detect spread.
- D. 3. Dealing with wildlife diseases is not unlike responding to wild fires, and response plan should be developed on this model, focusing on early detection of “break outs” and citizen involvement (active approach).

- **Regulations & Season Structure**

- B. 5. Establish a public lands antlerless permit system.
- B. 8. Re-evaluate the effectiveness of the October antlerless seasons in the CWD Zone.

- **Science & Research**

- Finalize proposals from previous meeting.
- H. 2. A significant effort should be developed in Human Dimensions research. Wisconsin is blessed with two excellent researchers (Holsman at UW-SP and Petchenik in house), and a plan for long-term monitoring of trends and issues should be developed between them. (Further refinement from previous meeting)
- A. 1. Limit the use of SAK/accounting style models to monitoring deer population size and trends at the state and regional levels.
- A. 2. Do away with population goals and population estimates at the DMU level.

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH

12:30 – 2:45

Action Team Meetings – The following recommendations from the DTR are scheduled for consideration however time constraints may limit addressing all of them.

- **DMAP**

- D. 7. An annual meeting of DMAP cooperators would be an excellent venue for reporting on various aspects of CWD, in addition to the topics discussed earlier. This would greatly enhance public awareness and WDNR credibility.
- E. 4. An annual report should be prepared for each DMU and Region summarizing these studies and a PowerPoint/video presentation developed for annual DMAP workshops and public presentations.
- G. 2. Each DMAP cooperator should receive an annual report summarizing current data and trend data over years to monitor progress toward goals.

- **Herd Health/CWD**

- D. 1. We believe it is time to consider a more passive approach to CWD in the DMZ. (CWD-MZ)

- **Regulations & Season Structure**

- B. 11. Resolve the cross-bow season issue through the public involvement process.
- B. 12. Resolve the baiting and feeding issue outside CWD affected areas.

- **Science & Research**

- A. 3. Replace the current DMU population goal definition of comparing the deer population estimate with the desired population goal for the DMU with a simplified goal statement of increase, stabilize or decrease population density.
- A. 4. Develop a set of metrics to monitor progress towards the DMU goal of increasing, stabilizing, or decreasing population density.
- A. 5. Reduce the number of DMUs and combine the Farmland regions.

2:45 – 3:00

Action Team Report Outs and Wrap Up

- Each Action Team will review Implementation Action Item Proposals developed throughout the day.
- Identify information needs and assignments for the next meeting